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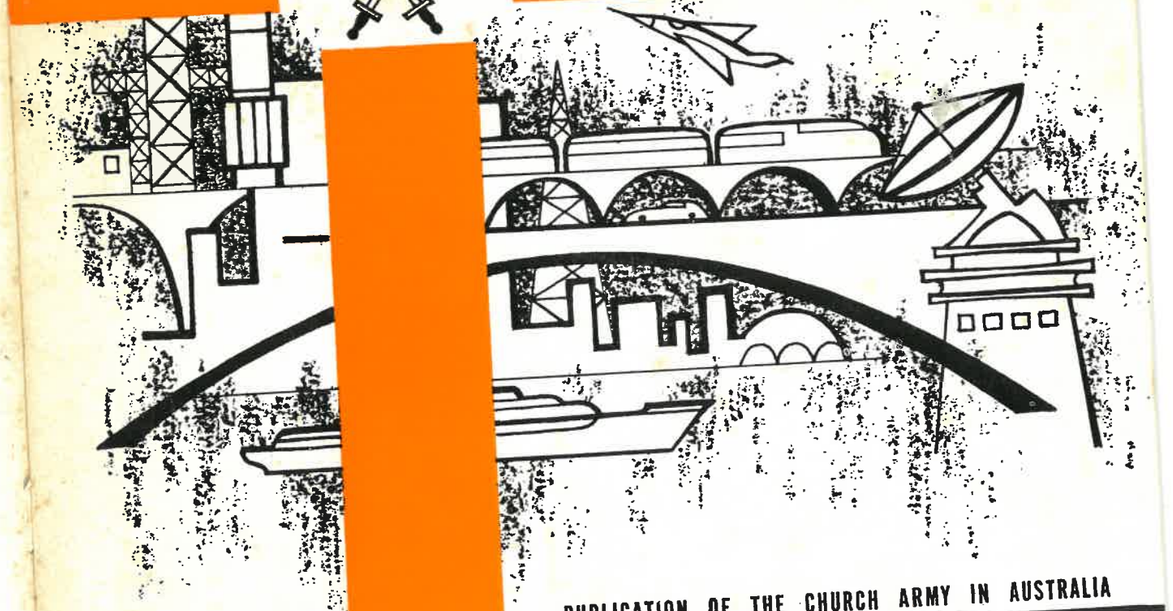

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CALENDAR AND POINTS FOR PRAYER

The following is a suggested Calendar for Prayer, for use over a period of 30 days.

Day 1 : The Executive Board of the Church Army (names on page 2), four Standing Committees of the Board — the bi-monthly meetings.

Day 2 : Captain & Mrs. K. J. Cullen, Anthony, Parish of Forbes, N.S.W. Pray for outreach to those living at the student hostel, and for ministry in the local high school.

Day 3 : Captain F. D. Clarke, Officer in charge of Training College, Belrose, N.S.W. Students of the Training College: Flo Herman, Lynn Bullard, Chris Thiele, John Harding, Trevor Brooks (for Australia), Roy Argent and Will Just (for New Zealand).

Day 4 : Sister E. N. Bacon, leave of absence, Colac, Vic.

Day 5 : Captain W. R. Darnley, Parish of Gladstone, Qld.

Day 6 : Captain K. A. Donaldson, Parish of Scarborough, W.A.

Day 7 : Sister N. J. Bridges, Matron, Farr House Home for Girls, Springfield, S.A.

Day 8 : Captain & Mrs. R. G. Eland, Lance and Paul, Youth Work in Parish of Shellharbour, N.S.W.

Day 9 : Captain & Mrs. L. T. Fernance, Faith, Parish of Emmaville, N.S.W.; Pray for a permanent organist at Deepwater; Pray for increased leadership among the lay people; Give thanks for recent gift of old Methodist Church for Parish Hall; Praise God that the Parish is still out of debt.

Day 10 : Sister E. Campbell, Parish of Riverwood, N.S.W.

Day 11 : Captain R. L. Gwilt, Federal Secretary, Mrs. Gwilt, Peter, Stephen, Andrew & Timothy, Belrose, N.S.W.

Day 12 : Captain & Mrs. R. J. Harris, Glenda and Kerrie, Youth Work in Green Valley, N.S.W.

Day 13 : Sister L. Dorrington, Parish of Mount Gambier, S.A.; Pray for the establishing of a Youth Group in the Parish.

Day 14 : Captain & Mrs. D. W. Hinchliffe, Parish of Dapto, N.S.W.

Day 15 : Captain & Mrs. J. W. Joy, Heather, Parish of Kingsford, N.S.W.

Day 16 : Sister P. A. Free, Staff Sister, Belrose, N.S.W.

Day 17 : Captain & Mrs. R. C. King, Ronwyn and Howard, Parish of Randwick, N.S.W.; Pray for "Adventure Castle" Children's Mission being planned for the August School Holidays.

Day 18 : Captain & Mrs. A. Malcolm, Andrew and Ruth, Yarrabah Aboriginal Settlement, Nth. Qld.; Pray for the men to come forward in Christ, to their rightful place within His Church; for Christian Courage in our members who are being called by God into His service; for us at St. Alban's to be obedient to God's will in all aspects of the ministry here; for the money to be provided to restore our Church and Rectory buildings.

Day 19 : Sister J. Leslie, Parish of Waratah, N.S.W.

Day 20 : Captain and Mrs. B. Mattinson, Andrew, Christopher, Warwick and Stuart, Parish of Campbelltown, N.S.W. "Pray for us as we settle into a new home in a growing area of the Parish, and, under God, consolidate and prepare the Church for a large increase in population."

Day 21 : Sister J. Midwinter, Parish of Penrith, N.S.W.; Pray for a Parish Houseparty being held on 25th-27th July, "that it may draw all those present closer to the Lord."

Holiday Evangelism

When school holidays present a break in their usual scripture classes and other activities, Church Army officers and students often find themselves involved in some different forms of ministry and outreach.

TEAM WORK. Captain David Hinchliffe and Captain Bob Eland joined forces during the recent May school holidays, to conduct an under-canvas Camp at Crookhaven Heads, near Nowra N.S.W. Eleven to fourteen-year-olds from both of their parishes (Dapto and Shellharbour) attended the Camp.

A SPECIAL SORT OF CAMP. For 5 days of the holidays, I attended another camp which took place at Springwood, on the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney. The primary school age children who attended thoroughly enjoyed the varied programme — in fact, "camp wasn't long enough!" They sang heartily, and listened and watched carefully during talks, plays and films in the morning and evening sessions in the meeting room. They made all sorts of things in the "craft shop," and excitement was high during a game of rounders. And, of course, some of them were reluctant to settle down and go to sleep at night! An exciting day was spent at Katoomba, with rides on the Skyway and the Scenic Railway.

However, this Camp was different from other camps. About half of the campers were in wheelchairs, and all of them attend the Crippled Children's Society Schools in the Sydney area. This annual Camp, for Disabled Children, was initiated, and for some time directed, by Captain Rex Harris. His idea was that, as far as possible, **all** children should have the opportunity to share in activities, including camps, conducted by the Church. In order for this to happen, there were 35 members of staff — including a nursing sister, physiotherapist, social workers, cooks, and counsellors (2 counsellors for every 4 children).

One factor which was particularly thrilling was the number of young people on the staff, a number of them still at school. In a day when teens are sometimes grouped together as "problems," their dedication, patience and carrying out of the many responsibilities associated with such a camp, are encouraging and exciting!

IN ERSKINEVILLE. One morning, during the second week of the holidays, I walked into a hall in the Parish of Erskineville in Sydney. A fun song, with appropriate actions, was being led by Student Sister Flo Herman. Flo and her Rector were conducting a Vacation School for children in the area, in an attempt to reach out to them with the "Good News," through a programme of song, films, stories, craft and visits to a nearby park for games.

One very encouraging aspect of this activity was that most of the children who attended did not have any regular association with the Church.

(The Editor).